

REMARKS

The applicants submit this supplemental amendment, supplemental to the amendment submitted on 8 April 2008. In this supplemental amendment, minor amendment has been made to claim 1, and new claim 21 is presented.

New claim 21 pertains, in substantial part, to the subject matter of as-filed claim 1. In the office action, claim 1 was rejected under Section 102 over Friend.

Reliance upon Friend for disclosing the session state generator recited in as-filed claim 1, and claim 21 as now-presented, is believed to be in error. And, the applicants, therefore, traverse the rejection of the claim.

Specifically, the session state generator is stated to form at least a first session state information value identifying a synchronization state of the at least deselected one of the network part and the mobile node at which the session state generator is embodied. The examiner relied upon column 7, lines 31-35 of Friend support the rejection. However, review of this section of Friend, as well as others, indicates that Friend does not pertain to synchronization, nor of the generation of a session state information value that identifies a synchronization state, set forth the claims.

Instead, Friend appears to pertain to a manner by which to dissect messages into pieces and looking at the pieces of the dissected messages. Disclosure of state-based computer logic, and there is no disclosure of a session state information generator as set forth in claim 21. Claim 21 is believed to be distinguishable over Friend for this reason.

Claims 1, 13, 16, and 20 have earlier been amended as noted in the earlier response. As noted therein, claim 1 was amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3. And, claim 13 was amended to include the limitations of claims 14 and 15. The reasons for which claims 1, 13, 16, and 20 are believed to be distinguishable over Friend are set forth in the earlier response.

In light of the foregoing, independent claims 1, 13, 16, 20, and 21, and the dependent claims dependent thereon, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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